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- (AS OF APRIL 11)

1. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
(ICRC) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING UPDATE ON APRIL 11 REGARDING
ITS ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA.

2. BEGIN TEXT --

- HEAVY FIGHTING IN KIGALI - ICRC WORKING AMID THE
- CHAOS
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- COMPLETE MAYHEM HAS HIT THE STREETS OF KIGALI, LEAVING A HEAVY DEATH TOLL AND LARGE NUMBERS OF WOUNDED. ARMED ELEMENTS ARE ON THE RAMPAGE, GOING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE KILLING AND DESTROYING. THE VIOLENCE WAS SPARKED OFF BY THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF RWANDA, THE PRESIDENT OF BURUNDI AND A NUMBER OF DIGNITARIES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WHO WERE ALL KILLED AS THEIR PLANE CAME IN TO LAND AT KIGALI LAST THURSDAY EVENING. SINCE THEN THE BLOODSHED IN THE CITY HAS STEADILY GROWN IN INTENSITY. TODAY THE FIGHTING IS STILL FIERCE, AND THE CITY IS GRIPPED BY GENERALIZED LOOTING AND LAWLESSNESS. ICRC DELEGATES IN KIGALI HAVE DESCRIBED SCENES OF EXTREME VIOLENCE, STATING THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES LYING IN THE STREETS.

- IN THE MEANTIME FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE EVACUATING THEIR EXPATRIATES FROM KIGALI.

- AIMED THE CHAOS, THE ICRC'S 26 DELEGATES IN RWANDA
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HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE RWANDESE RED CROSS FIRST-AIDERS, EVACUATING THE WOUNDED TO THE MAIN HOSPITAL IN KIGALI. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDING THE HOSPITAL WITH URGENTLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES. IN ADDITION, THE INSTITUTION IS SUPPLYING THE FUEL REQUIRED FOR THE VEHICLES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH ARE BEING USED TO CLEAR AWAY THE DEAD BODIES FROM THE STREETS.

- ICRC STEPS UP INTERVENTION TODAY

- THE ICRC HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE COUNTRY'S AUTHORITIES SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. THIS MORNING THE ICRC'S HEAD OF DELEGATION IN RWANDA MET THE REPUBLIC'S NEWLY APPOINTED PRESIDENT, IN ORDER TO REQUEST A MAJOR EFFORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT CIVILIANS ARE RESPECTED, THAT SECURITY IS RE-ESTABLISHED AND THAT THE RED CROSS EMBLEM IS RESPECTED.

- IN ADDITION TO EVACUATING THE WOUNDED TO HOSPITAL, THE ICRC PLANS TO EVACUATE ABOUT 100 PATIENTS LATER TODAY FROM THE MAIN HOSPITAL IN KIGALI TO KABGAYI, 40 KM SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL.

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- THIS AFTERNOON A PLANE CHARTERED BY THE BELGIAN RED CROSS WILL BE LEAVING FOR BUJUMBURA. ON BOARD ARE 15 TONS OF MEDICAL MATERIAL DONATED BY THE BELGIAN RED CROSS AND 2 TONS PROVIDED BY THE ICRC, AND AN ADDITIONAL ICRC SURGICAL TEAM, COMPOSED OF ONE SURGEON, ONE THEATRE NURSE, TWO SURGICAL WARD NURSES AND AN ANAESTHETIST

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NURSE. THE TEAM INCLUDES STAFF SECONDED BY THE NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. ONCE IN BUJUMBURA THE ICRC WILL TRANSPORT THE SURGICAL TEAM AND THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES OVERLAND TO KIGALI TOMORROW. ALSO TOMORROW A FURTHER THREE SURGICAL WARD NURSES SECONDED BY THE DANISH, FINNISH AND NORWEGIAN NATIONAL SOCIETIES WILL LEAVE GENEVA FOR RWANDA.

- VIOLENCE REPORTEDLY SPREADING TO SOUTHERN RWANDA

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- FOLLOWING RUMORS FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES THAT MASSACRES AND DESTRUCTION ARE GOING ON IN THE SOUTH OF

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THE COUNTRY, THE ICRC PLANS TO SEND A TEAM OF DELEGATES
FROM ITS BASE IN BURUNDI AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, IN
ORDER TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION.

- AT THE MOMENT THE ICRC HAS NO PLANS TO SET UP A
FIELD HOSPITAL. END TEXT.

3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SPIEGEL

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